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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Loving God, I come to You this day in prayer for each and every person who labors in this place, for their heartfelt dedication to their tasks, for the commitments they have made to serve their country as Members, as staffers, interns, service providers, and security officers, and the whole range of duties and responsibilities represented in this workforce.

None of the men and women do so without significant cost to themselves and to their families. I lift up to You the burdens they carry: personal illness and afflictions; the health and welfare of family members; the anxiety and discouragement felt when efforts are disregarded or unappreciated; tragedy and loss.

Their names and situations are known to You, O Lord, but especially this day we pray for those who grieve the loss of Representative RON WRIGHT. We are grateful that in his living he showed us a principled life, the importance of integrity, and the gift of thoughtfulness to those around him.

May the example of his fortitude in the face of life's adversities serve as a testimony to the hope we have in Your eternal care.

We pray in the strength of Your holy name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(A) of House Resolution 8, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SERGEANT AT ARMS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 8, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, following consultation with the Office of Attending Physician, I write to provide you further notification that the public health emergency due to the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 remains in effect.

Sincerely,

TIMOTHY P. BLODGETT,
Acting Sergeant at Arms.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair announces the extension, pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 8, and effective February 19, 2021, of the "covered period" designated on January 4, 2021.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 9, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representa-

tives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on February 9, 2021, at 3:11 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. Res. 47.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

GLORIA J. LETT,
Deputy Clerk.

ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the Chair lays before the House the resolution (H. Res. 111) electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 111

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR: Mr. Mfume.

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES: Ms. Matsui, Mrs. Trahan.

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY: Ms. Moore of Wisconsin, Mr. Kildee, Ms. Wild, Mrs. Fletcher.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS: Ms. Kaptur, Mr. Ruiz, Mr. Gallego.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

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